## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 631 By Graves

A RESOLUTION to recognize Nikki Deason, 2000 Valedictorian of Jo Byrnes High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Nikki Deason is one such exceptional student who recently was named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Jo Byrnes High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Ms. Deason has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Nikki has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deason's leadership qualities have been recognized by the faculty and students of her school; she is the senior class president, the Jo Byrnes High School chairperson for Tennessee Looks Good to Me and the Senior Beta Club vice president; and

WHEREAS, Nikki has found time to be a Volunteer Girls State delegate, a SCOPE delegate and has been published in the University of Tennessee Agriculture magazine's fall issue; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deason's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she plans to attend Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, Nikki's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Sherry Hall and Phillip Deason, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deason's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Jo Byrnes High School Valedictorian, Nikki Deason, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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